Implementation of agreement with petrol dealers

†2775. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement with All India Petrol Dealers Federation on August 17, 2001 through all the four Directors of oil companies in order to call-off strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement the said agreement so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Discussions were held between Directors (Marketing) of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and the representatives of Federation of All India Petroleum Traders (FAIPT) on 17.08.2001, in which it was agreed that a Joint Committee will look into all aspects of quality and quantity issues relating to retail sales of petroleum products. Persuant to this, meeting between Directors (Marketing) of OMCs and representatives of FAIPT was held on 21.10.2002.

Supply off CNG for ceramic and glass industries in Rajasthan

2776. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals by the Planning Department in Rajasthan for the supply of CNG for ceramic and glass industries;

(b) if so, whether Government are looking forward to provide CNG for the same in the near future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is used only as auto fuel and is not used by industries. However, presently natural gas is being supplied to power and fertilizer sectors in Rajasthan, ex-HBJ pipeline and on-land sources within Rajasthan. Due to shortage of natural gas it has not been possible to consider any new allocation of natural gas to the different small industries in Rajasthan including glass and ceramic industries.

Closure of petrol pumps on account of irregularities

2777. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 petrol pumps in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have recently been closed for 30 days on account of irregularities;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the closure of a petrol pump for 30 days is an insufficient punishment for the various irregularities committed by petrol pump owners and it should be enhanced; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The details of Retail Outlet Dealerships closed for 30 days or more in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on account of malpractices/irregularities during April, 2002 to October, 2002 are as follows:

Haryana	3
Uttar Pradesh	25
Rajasthan	8
TOTAL	36

(c) and (d) In case of malpractices/irregularities detected at the Retail Outlets, punitive action is taken against the errring dealers in line with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. Severity of the punishment depends upon gravity/repetition of the offence.